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Letter dated 18 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text, in English and French, of the statement on Ethiopia issued on 18 April 1991 by the European Community and its 12 member States.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under item 30 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Jean FEYDER
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on Ethiopia issued on 18 April 1991 by the European Community

The Community and its member States are following with great concern developments of the situation in Ethiopia and are worried about the recent escalation of the civil war, which engenders intolerable loss in human lives and in material.

They urge all the parties to the conflict to work urgently for:

(a) The establishment of an immediate and unconditional cease-fire on the entire territory;

(b) The opening or the resumption of negotiations between all the parties to the conflict on the substance of the problems and the convening of a round table with a view to elaborating transitional provisions that would lead to the reconciliation of all Ethiopians, in respect of the integrality of their rights.

The Community and its member States reaffirm their conviction that a just and lasting solution can only be achieved through peaceful means and negotiated political settlements, which would take into account the rights and aspirations of the entire Ethiopian population.

They urgently call upon all the parties to the conflict to ensure that emergency food and humanitarian aid will be effectively distributed to those for whom they are intended.